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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Galen R. Hatfield	Group Art Unit:	2881
Serial No.:	09/268,892	Examiner:	K. Nguyen
Filing Date:	March 16, 1999	Docket No.:	D-43025-01
Title:	AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM AND METHODOLOGY		

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2001, the period for response having been extended until February 11, 2002 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as noted below and consider the remarks that follow.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 37 as follows:

37. (Amended) The method of claim 22 wherein the package comprises a hot blown film and at least one of the one or more authenticating agents is incorporated in the hot blown film.

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(b) as presenting rejected claim 37 in better form for consideration on appeal, which has been provisionally filed concurrent with this Response.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application. Claims 1-10, 13-15, 17-37 remain in this application. Claim 37 is amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as his

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